

**ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR WITH A REPLACABLE
GROUND-ENGAGING MEMBER AND METHOD OF
ATTACHING THE GROUND-ENGAGING MEMBER**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An article of footwear provided with snap-fit replaceable ground-engaging members, particularly snap-fit tips, and a kit and method for altering ground-engaging characteristics of an article of footwear such as an athletic shoe. An article of footwear according to the present invention includes a sole (and/or a footplate) having at least one ground-engaging member in snap-fit engagement therewith. In particular, the ground-engaging member is engageable under the application of a non-rotational force (especially a manual force). According to one aspect of the present invention, a clearly discernible feedback (especially an audible feedback, such as a click or a snapping sound) is provided to clearly indicate engagement between the ground-engaging member and the sole.